

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A passenger motor vehicle comprising:
a vehicle windshield,
a crossmember on which the vehicle windshield is mounted, and
a vehicle dashboard assembly disposed behind the windshield in front of a vehicle passenger space,

said dashboard assembly including a housing part, provided with fastening structure, and a cover part having slotted recesses therein for receiving the fastening structure when the cover part is installed in the vehicle,

wherein the housing part is mounted to the vehicle body and the cover part is thereafter mounted on the crossmember and the housing part, braced, with a recess adapted to a contour of the crossmember, against the crossmember, and detachably fixed to the housing part following installation of the windshield, so as to be removable from the housing part to provide for disassembly and repair, and replaceable on the housing part following the repair even though the windshield is installed already.

17. (Previously presented) The passenger motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the housing part is an upper part of a housing of a heating and/or air conditioning system, and wherein said fastening structure includes arms which are directed toward vehicle sides and, together with the cover part, form at least one air channel when the cover part is installed in the vehicle.

18. (Previously presented) The passenger motor vehicle according to claim 17, wherein the cover part is a multilayered plastic molded part which includes a substrate comprising EPP foam and a sound absorbing layer.

19. (Currently amended) A method of making a passenger motor vehicle comprising:

mounting a vehicle windshield in a final position on a ~~vehicle body,~~
mounting crossmember of the motor vehicle thereby placing a housing part provided with fastening structure adjacent the vehicle windshield at a side of a vehicle passenger space facing the windshield, and

subsequently mounting a cover part of a vehicle dashboard on the crossmember, bracing the cover part, with a recess adapted to a contour of the crossmember, against the crossmember, and detachably connecting ~~a~~ the cover part of ~~a~~ the vehicle dashboard to the fastening structure,

wherein the cover part is provided with slotted recesses therein for receiving the fastening structure ~~when the cover part is installed in the vehicle,~~

wherein the fastening structure and the recesses are inclined toward the vehicle passenger space, and

wherein detachably connecting the cover part provides for removing the cover part from the housing part even though the windshield is installed, performing a repair, and subsequently connecting either said cover part or another cover part to the fastening structure.

20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 19, wherein the housing part is an upper part of a housing of a heating and/or air conditioning system, and wherein said fastening structure includes arms and, together with

the cover part, form at least one air channel when the cover part is installed in the vehicle.

21. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 20, wherein the cover part is a multilayered plastic molded part which includes a substrate comprising EPP foam and a sound absorbing layer.